



At Theobalds, the 12. of Aprill 1622.

The Copy of a Reference from the Kings most Excellent Maieſty : As also a Letter from the Right Honourable Lords of his Maieſties most Honourable Priuy Councell, to the most Reuerend Fathers in God, the Lords Arch-Bishops of Canterbury and Yorke their Graces.

HIs Maieſty is graciously pleased, That the Lords Archbishops of Canterbury and Yorke, doe in their ſeuerall Prouinces proceed according to the Letters of the Lords of the Councell, bearing date the last of Iune 1621. aswell in recommending Captaine *Whitbournes* discourse concerning *New-found-land*, so as the same may be distributed to the ſeuerall Parishes of this Kingdome, for the incouragement of Aduenturers vnto the Plantation there; As also by furthering (in the most fauorable and effectuall maner they can) the collections to be thereupon made in all the said Parishes, towards the charge of printing and distributing those Bookes, and the said Captaine *Whitbournes* good induours, and seruice, with expence of his time and meanes in the aduancing of the said Plantation; and his ſeuerall great losses receiued at Sea by Pyrats and otherwise, of which his Maieſty hath beene credibly certified; And further his Maieſties pleasure is, that the said Captaine *Whitbourne* shall haue the sole printing of his booke for one and twenty yeares.

God ſaue the King.

After our very hearty Commendations to your good Lordships,
Whereas Captaine Richard Whitbourne of Exmouth, in the
County of Deuon, Gentleman, hauing spent much time in New-
found-land (whither he hath made sundry voyages, and some by
expresse Commissions) hath set downe in wryting diuers good obseruations
and notes touching the state and condition of that Country, and the plan-
tation there, which being by order from vs now printed: It is desired to be
published throughout the Kingdome, for the furthering and aduancement
of the said plantation, and to giue incouragement to such as shalbe willing
to aduenture therein, and assist the same, either in their persons or other-
wise, to which we thinke the publication of this Booke may much conduce:
And we doe giue good approbation to his good indeauours and purpose. So
hane we thought fit, earnestly to recommend him vnto your Lordships good
fauours, both for the distribution of his Books within the Prouinces of Can-
terbury and Yorke, vnto the seuerall Parishes thereof, and also for your
Lordships helpe and furtherance, that after his great trauels and charges,
wherein he hath spent much of his time and meanes, hauing long time been
a Merchant of good estate, he may reape by your Lordships assistance some
profit of his labours, and towards the printing and distributing the said
Bookes by such a voluntary contribution, as shalbe willingly giuen and col-
lected for him within the seuerall Parish Churches of the said Prouinces:
which will be both a good incouragement vnto others in the like inde-
uours for the seruice of their Country, and some reward to him for his
great charge, trauels, and diuers losses at Sea which he hath receiued, as
we are credibly certified. And so commending him earnestly to your good
Lordships, We bid your Lordships very heartily farewell. From White-
hall the last day of Iune 1621.

Signed by the

Lord Treasurer, Lord Priuie Seale, Duke of Lenoxe,
Marquesse Hambleton, Earle of Arundell, Earle of
Kelley, Lord Viscount Doncaster, Lord Viscount
Faulkland, Master Treasurer, Master Secretary
Caluert, Master of the Rolles.

The names of some, who haue vndertaken to
helpe and aduance his Maiesties Plantation in
the New-found-land. viz.

THe right Honorable, Henry Lord Cary, Viscount of Faulke-land, Lord Deputy Generall of the Kingdome of Ireland, hath vndertaken to plant a Colony of his Maiesties subiects in the New-found-land, and his Lordship is well pleased to entertaine such as are willing to be Aduenturers with him therein, upon such Conditions as may appeare in the latter part of this Booke: And in his Lordships absence, he hath authorized his Agent, Master Leonard Wellsted, Gentleman, by warrant under his hand and Seale, to ratifie whatsoever shall be by him concluded therein. The said Master Wellsteds Chamber is neere to one Master Garlands house, at the lower end of Saint Martins lane in the field.

The Right Honourable Sir George Caluert Knight, principall Secretarie vnto the Kings most excellent Maiesty, hath also vndertaken to plant a large Circuit of that Country: who hath already sent thither this yeare and the former yeare, a great number of men and women, with all necessarie provisions fit for them; where they liue pleasantly, building of houses, cleansing of land for Corne, and meddowes, Cabage, Carrets, Turneps, and such like; as also for Woad and Tobacco. Likewise they are there preparing to make Salt, for the preseruing of fish another yeare, and for diuers other seruices. And his Honour is likewise well pleased to entertaine such as will aduenture with him therein, upon very fit conditions.

The Worshipfull Iohn Slany of London Merchant, who is one of the vndertakers of the New-found-land Plantation, & is Treasurer vnto the Patentees of that Society, who haue maintained a Colony of his Maiesties subiects there aboue twelue yeares, and they are willing to entertaine such as will further his Maiesties said Plantation, upon fit conditions.

Diuers Worshipfull Citizens of the City of Bristoll, haue vndertaken to plant a large Circuit of that Countrey, and they haue maintained a Colony of his Maiesties subiects there any time these five yeares, who haue builded there faire houses, and done many other good seruices, who liue there very pleasantly, and they are well pleased to entertaine upon fit conditions, such as wilbe Aduenturers with them.

The Worshipfull William Vaughan of Tarracod, in the County of Carmarthen, Doctor of the Ciuill law, hath also vndertaken to plant a Circuit

in the New-found-land; and hath in two severall yeares sent thither di-
vers men and women, and he is willing to entertaine such as will be Adven-
turers with him upon fit conditions.

And there are many other worthy persons Adventurers in the said
Plantation, whose names are not herein mentioned. And it is well hoped,
that divers others wil also put their helping hand to aduance the same, when
they are giuen to vnderstand what honour and benefit may accrue thereby.
And if his Maiesties subiects of this Kingdome may be willing to set
foorth from euery severall County, but one good ship yearly thither, with
people and prouisions fit for them, it will be then not onely a great honour
and benefit vnto his Maiesty, but also a great increase of shipping and
Mariners, and the imploying and enriching of many thousands of poore
people which now lye chargeable to the Parishioners. The which may be
easily performed by the able subiects, to set forth the charge at first, and
so euery Parish to receiue yearly their equall parts of the benefit which
may accrue by the said stocke; and thereby not onely disburden yearly
themselves of some of those which lie chargeable vnto them within their
seuerall Parishes: but also yearly yeeld a great benefit to euery severall
County, though it lie something remote from the Sea-coast, if they imploy
a discreet honest man therein, who may yearly be accomptable to euery
Parish of the charge, and likewise the benefit. The which will not be any
way burdensome or hurtfull vnto any; as the following discourse which I
haue written, will plainly informe them.

From my Chamber at the signe of the gilded Cocke in Pater-noster-
Row in London.

R. W.